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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

John D. Dobak, III et al.

Serial No.:

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Filed:

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Title:

Method and Device for Performing Cooling- or Cryo-therapies for, e.g.,

Angioplasty with Reduced Restenosis or Pulmonary Vein Cell Necrosis to Inhibit

Atrial Fibrillation

Art Unit:

3739

Examiner:

Rosalind Stacie Kearney

Docket No.:

051002

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) and AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including Monday, March 22, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, the period therefore having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.